



Indiana Department of Education

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Indiana Migrant Education Program Frequently Asked Questions

Number	Question	Answer
1	What is the MEP Program?	Title I, Part C Migrant Education Program (MEP) Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 supports high quality education programs for migratory children (ages 3-21) and helps ensure that migratory children who move among the states are not penalized in any manner by disparities among states in curriculum, graduation requirements, or state academic content and student academic achievement standards. The MEP is designed to help migratory children overcome educational disruption, cultural and language barriers, social isolation, various health-related problems, and other factors that inhibit the ability of such children to do well in school and to prepare such children to make a successful transition to postsecondary education or employment.
2	How are students identified?	Families should complete the Migrant Education Program Work Survey to determine whether the LEA's assigned Identification and Recruitment Field Specialist should be contacted to collect further information and determine eligibility. The MEP Work survey should be included in the LEA's registration packet and completed on a yearly basis.
3	How long are students eligible for the program?	Students that qualify for the MEP have a certificate of eligibility (COE) which is valid for three years.
4	What school fees are waived for migrant students?	Migrant students are entitled to free lunch and textbooks for as long as they have an active COE in Indiana's Migrant Information Database.
5	What additional services/ funds are available to assist migrant students?	Title I, Part C provides supplemental funds to three migrant regional centers (MRCs) and one state resource center. These funds are available through a grant from the Indiana Department of Education. The Migrant regional centers will provide supplementary educational and supportive services to eligible migrant students. All migratory students are entitled to services from the Migrant Regional Center in your area.
6	Who should I contact if we have possible migrant students in our school corporation?	Schools with possible migrant students should contact their regional ID&R Field Specialist. Please reference the map and regional directory in order to determine your corresponding specialist or visit http://www.doe.in.gov/elme
7	Are migrant students English learners?	Sometimes. Like all students in Indiana, migrant students must complete a home language survey (HLS) in order to determine if their English proficiency should be assessed.

For additional information, please email apitt@doe.in.gov.